

## BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or	)	
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Revocation of the Educator Certificate	)	<b>CONSENT ORDER OF</b>
	)	
of Matthew W. Croshaw	)	<b>VOLUNTARY SURRENDER</b>
	)	
Certificate 216278	)	

### SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on June 14, 2006. On March 17, 2006, the South Carolina Department of Education (Department) sent Matthew W. Croshaw a notice of his right to a hearing before the State Board concerning the possible revocation of his South Carolina educator certificate 216278 by regular and certified mail, return receipt, restricted delivery. Mr. Croshaw received the notice, as evidenced by a postal receipt bearing his signature, and requested a hearing by letter of March 29, 2006. Mr. Croshaw subsequently consented to voluntarily surrender his certificate and withdraw his request for a hearing. After considering the information presented, the State Board voted to accept the voluntary surrender of Mr. Croshaw's certificate.

Matthew  
Croshaw

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### FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Croshaw holds a valid South Carolina educator certificate and has over three years of teaching experience. During the 2005-06 school year, Mr. Croshaw was employed as a theatre teacher at Marion High School in Marion County School District One (District). Mr. Croshaw resigned from the District on February 1, 2006, after learning that his arrest was pending on the charge of Committing or Attempting Lewd Act Upon Child Under 16. The arrest took place on February 3, 2006.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

“The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person.” S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (1991). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-160 (2004). The State Board finds that there is sufficient information to support its decision to accept the voluntary surrender of Matthew W. Croshaw’s educator certificate. Should Mr. Croshaw ever wish to reapply for certification in South Carolina, he may not do so until after June 13, 2009. To be eligible for certification at that time, Mr. Croshaw must meet all current certification requirements and he must submit to a character and fitness review by the State Board.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/S/ Joe Isaac  
Joe Isaac, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina  
June 14, 2006

I, Matthew W. Croshaw, S.C. Educator Certificate 216278, do hereby agree to the proposed Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on June 14, 2006.

/S/ Matthew W. Croshaw  
Matthew W. Croshaw

6/6/06  
Date